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Boys' Suits Boys' Overcoats Boys' Odd Pant

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feast of bargains, (not hot air that they usually get). Now we are going to be brief and to the point. During February we will sacr
$20,000.00 of the best merchandise ever shown in Lynchburg, as soon as this mark is reached will close the sale. A hint to the wise is s
cient. If you miss coming to this sale, you will miss the greatest bargains ever shown in the city. Nice new, up-to-date stock. We wil
carry it over. Must have room for spring stock. Be good to yourselves and tell your friends and neighbors of our sale and when they c
and supply themselves with clothes at such reduced prices, they will thank you. Remember everything will be plain figures. Our store
be closed on the 29th, 30th and 31st., to enable us to arrange and mark down prices. And down they shall go and you reap the benefit.
hav'nt space to tell you half. The following prices will prevail through the entire stock and **we will do our best to wait on you prom**

These prices are for Cash Only.

Men's Suits

$ 9.00 to $ 10.00 Suits, now	$ 6.98
12.00 to 12.00 " "	8.98
7.00 to 15.00 " "	9.98
16.00 to 18.00 " "	12.98
12.00 to 23.00 " "	9.98
15.00 to 25.00 " "	11.98

Many Suits will sell for less than the prices of the Overcoats.

Men's Overcoats

$ 5.00 to $ 6.00 Coats now	$ 3.98
6.00 to 8.00 " "	4.98
7.00 to 9.00 " "	5.98
10.00 to 12.00 " "	7.98
12.50 to 15.00 " "	9.98
15.00 to 18.00 " "	11.98
18.00 to 25.00 " "	12.98

Many odds and ends in Overcoats at your price.

Men's Odd Pants

Several thousand pair to go at less than factory cost.

$2.00 to $2.50 Pants	$1.39
3.00 to 4.00 "	2.48
4.00 to 5.00 "	3.48
5.00 to 6.00 "	3.98

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A Good Coat At From $1.98 up

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Several Hundred Pair

50c and 75c Kind 25c
75c and $1.00 ..... 49c

$1.00 and 1.25 ..... 89c
Good Assortment.

Handkerchiefs

Nice White Hemstitched 10c Kind in This Sale 4c Each

Ties

New 4-In-Hand Wide and Narrow 25c and 35c Silk Ties, for this Sale, 2 for 25c.

A big lot of Neckwear that Sold from 25c to $1.00, this sale, 6c, 8c and 10c Each.

Hose

Men's Seemless 10c and 15c quality, in this Sale 4c a Pair

Shirts

50 Doz. to go at 24c
50 " " " 39c
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White Stiff Bosom, $1.00 Kind to go at 79c

Gloves

10 Doz. at from 39c

A big reduction in both dress and working gloves.

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25c kind in this Sale.....
50c " " " "
75c " " " "

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Bringing a bottle filled with almost pure gold, taken from a lode long hidden in mountain fastnesses, not far from here, W. E. Bartlett and M. C. Black, both well known business men, are back after a perilous trip to the Cascades.

Theirs, however, was labor richly rewarded, though the story is so interwoven with spiritualism and romance that it is well nigh incredible. Bartlett is the grandson of D. E. Ingels, a miner of the early '50s in these parts, who was murdered in the hills by his partner. The Bartlett family are spiritualists, and Bartlett declares his dead and murdered grandfather, through a Portland medium, sent word to him to find the lost mine and he would be independent for life.

Bartlett swears positivity that he received specific directions from the spirit of his grandfather how to proceed to the lost mine. Moreover, he was told to select M. C. Black to accompany him. The men will not tell of the location of their find, but say it cannot be reached save by making an extremely dangerous trip and one filled with hardship, especially at this time of the year, when the mountains are firmly in winter's icy grasp. In the spring they will return and develop their find.

In a rough and mountainous section, they say, they found a gray quartz ledge, literally filled with precious metal. Small pieces were broken off, pounded up in a frying pan which they had with them and the gold picked out by the men's fingers and placed in a bottle. Should the ledge prove as rich as the samples, a man could make a mortar and gold pan, and in a week's time take out enough of the gold to make him wholly rich.

As an evidence of their find they have the little bottle of gold dust, which has already been viewed by dozens of people, and tests have been made by O. D. Johnson which prove that the mineral is genuine.—Wenatchie correspondence Seattle Times.

WILD TIMES IN ODESSA

Here is a correspondent's record of the minor hooligan outrages or one day in the city of Odessa recently: "Shortly before sundown a drunken member of a small military picket staggered across his rifle and fired wildly at a passing cavalry carriage in two women and a young girl. The bullet missed its mark. An officer, attracted by the shot, rushed over, and the drunken soldier ran as best he could, after dropping his rifle, but was brought down by a shot in the leg from the officer. On the opposite side of the boulevard, 200 paces away, about the same time, an intoxicated policeman reeled out of a vodka shop and commenced blazing about with his revolver, one shot wounding a young woman in the hand. He was shot dead by a member of the nearest picket.

"Earlier in the day two small merchants returning through a busy thoroughfare from the custom house were stopped by hooligans and robbed of everything. Thirty yards away stood a picket of two soldiers and a policeman. The indignant victims demanded to know why the picket did not come to their assistance. One of the soldiers replied it was none of their business; they were there to control the traffic only.

"Two other cases of robbery with violence occurred in the afternoon close to my residence. In the outer districts of the city there were seventeen similar assaults and robberies, and between nightfall and midnight about twenty. In three of the latter cases the military pickets were the bandits. A little girl of nine years, chased by the hooligans, was shot dead on her own doorstep."

COOLIES IN SOUTH AFRICA

Writes an observer in South Africa: "The Chinese are everywhere. You see them in the streets of the towns, on the platforms of the railway stations, or about the Rand. There are now nearly 50,000 of them scattered up and down a slice of country about forty miles in length. Some are working in mines which are practically up in Johannesburg itself. Yesterday morning I was walking down Commissioner street, when I came across liberty of them at work digging out the foundations of a new hotel. They were prisoners serving terms of hard labor, and were leased out to the contractor at a shilling a head a day. And they were employed in the very center of Johannesburg. Out at Knight's I saw a huge camp where the 1,400 more Chinese prisoners are at work making a deviation of the railway line from Germiston to Boksburg.

"These sweepings of the Chinese prisons who are now encumbering a British colony, are not content with petty thieving. They do that as a matter of course. What those in isolated farms and lonely stores dread is the cry of 'Tea, tea'—'Kill, kill'—from the yellow fiends who roam over the veld. People in the country dare scarcely go to bed at night. They gather at each other's houses for protection and companionship.

"What wonder is it that terror reigns on the veldt, or that the country people are now all armed, and shoot first, when they see a Chinaman at night? The same writer adds that these circumstances are hidden carefully from the outside world. The white men of South Africa—with the exception of the mine owners—he says, are satisfied that the introduction of coolie labor was a mistake.

GREAT ARMY OF EDUCATION

The army of education in the United States is made up of 450,000 teachers, whom 320,000 are men and 330,000 women. The overwhelming majority of the teachers are natives of the United States, less than 20,000 having been born abroad—one in fifteen.

Most of the male teachers are between the years of 25 and 35. The majority of the women teachers are between 15 and 25.

There are 2,300 male teachers over 65. There are less than 1,500 female teachers over 65. Three times as many female as male teachers are put down as "age unknown."

There are 21,000 colored teachers in the United States, thus divided between the two sexes 7,709 men and 13,300 women. There are 500 Indian teachers in the Indian schools of the United States—240 men and 260 women.

The average age of teachers in the United States is higher than in England and lower than in Germany. The proportion of very youthful teachers is much greater in the country than in the city districts.

The largest proportion of male teachers is to be found in West Virginia, where they number 50 cent of the total. The largest proportion of women is to be found in Vermont, where they form 90 per cent. of the whole number. The standard of education is very much higher in Vermont than it is in West Virginia.

The number of teachers in the United States has increased greatly in recent years. In 1871 there were 125,000, in 1880, 225,000, in 1890, 340,000 and it is at present 450,000.

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Capt. Martin's Timely Caution.

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It was his custom to be at his shop quite early two or three times a week, to see that his employes were all on time. If any one arrived late, the same dialogue always took place.

One morning "Bob" White was the victim, and was accosted by the proprietor, who said: "Mr. White, you are thirteen minutes late this morning."

"Yes-yes-es, sir; but, you see, 11 was married last night." To which Capt. Dick replied:

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THE LATEST NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

DOMESTIC.

The National Insurance Convention, at Chicago, adopted resolutions condemning the deferred dividend plan and declared for a standard form of insurance policy to the exclusion of all other forms.

Testimony was produced in the packers' trial at Chicago that Armour, Swift and Morris controlled the National Packing Company, which operated six pure bone subsidiary packing concerns.

The Harper Memorial Committee decided on a project for a library building in memory of the late President Harper, of the University of Chicago.

David Lowenstein was arrested in Pittsburg on the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

One hundred state officials are in attendance at the National Insurance Convention in Chicago, which proposes to frame a bill for the establishment of a uniform system of statutory regulation of legal reserve life insurance in the states.

Edw. F. Swift, of Swift & Co., displayed a lack of information and lapse of memory when cross-examined by District Attorney Morrison in the beef packers' case.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Montfort, a prominent Presbyterian preacher, editor and educator, died in Cincinnati at the age of 95.

The American Light and Traction Company has bought the Detroit City Gas Company for $5,000,000 cash.

The Fifty-third Kentucky Infantry sailed from New York for the Philippines.

William Hedges, a wealthy manufacturer of Chicago, committed suicide.

Justice Gildersleeve has rendered a decision that Henry H. Rogers, vice president of the Standard Oil Company, need not have to answer the questions of the Missouri Commission, which sat in New York until the Supreme Court of Missouri passes on its decision regarding stock control.

Mrs. Charles T. Yerkes denies that she was married in New York to Senator Wilson Mizner says he was married to Mrs. Yerkes, and Rev. Andrew Gilmore says he performed the ceremony.

Edward F. Swift testified in the beef packers' case at Chicago, that the books of Swift & Co. were open for government inspection under a promise of immunity.

Twenty-two boys at Earlham College, Indiana, have been suspended for "ducking" Sidney Hinton, of Rockville, Md.

John J. Bowers, who served in the American Army and Navy and was wounded in the Philippines, has been denied entrance to the United States on the ground that he might become a public charge.

Governor Pennypacker has signed the resolution of the special session of the Pennsylvania legislature which calls for the investigation of the paid the insurance commissioner in the Keystone State.

A resolution has been introduced in the State Senate of New Jersey asking the attorney general of the state to take the necessary steps to annul the charter of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Ex-Governor Stone, of Missouri, one of the main demands of the reform parties, seems assured.

Miss Cassandra and her suite left London for Copenhagen to attend the funeral of her father, King Christian.

France is doing everything she can to safeguard her prepo...erating political interests in Morocco.

Premier Fortis, of Italy, and the members of his ministry have resigned.

The German steamer Coruna, which arrived at Leith, reported that she was fired upon by the crew of an unknown schooner in the Cattegat, an arm of the North Sea.

Eighty holders of policies in the New York Mutual Life Company endorsed resolutions demanding representation on the board of that company.

In the Moroccan conference the American delegation urged a protest against any indirect infringement of the Sultan's sovereignty.

Thousands of people are reported to be dying in Northern Japan because of the famine.

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FACTORY GIRLS IN FIRE PANIC

Two Hundred Driven Out Into Zero Weather.

TROLLEY POLES MELTED BY THE HEAT

Knit Goods Factory in Cleveland Is Destroyed by a Quick Fire—Panic-stricken Employes, Mostly Girls, Faint Upon Reaching a Place of Safety—The Flames Spread to Adjoining Houses.

Cleveland, O. (Special).—Fire starting from an undetermined cause on the sixth floor of the knit goods factory of N. J. Rich & Co., Payne Avenue and Seventeenth Street, destroyed that building with an estimated loss of $75,000. It sent at least 200 girl-employes in a semi-panic from the several lower floors, and before the fire was gotten under control it had communicated to and destroyed 21 dwellings adjoining the Rich factory, on Payne Avenue, and both sides of Seventeenth Street.

The fire was attended with many spectacular scenes. The Rich Building was completely gutted, nothing remaining of it but small fragments of the walls. The employes numbered 400, girls, men and boys, the majority, however, being girls. Many of the latter had already left for their homes. The fire spread so quickly that scores of the girls who were caught had to leave the factory without their street garments to face almost zero weather on the outside. Some of the girls were so panic-stricken that when they reached the outer doors of the factory they fainted. So far as learned no one was hurt.

The burned buildings were immediately to the west and south of the Rich buildings, and a row of five apartments and two single dwellings across the street on the east side of Seventeenth were also consumed. The losses on the dwellings is divided between the various owners and the George Dodge estate, the latter bearing the larger portion. The total loss is estimated at close to $125,000, with insurance probably only partial.

Windows in the Cary apartment-house, on Payne Avenue, a block west of the Rich Building, were broken by the fierce heat, and tenants of that building were ready to leave their apartments if necessary. All the telephone, telegraph and trolley wires in the vicinity of the fire were melted and the poles burned.

FIERCE FIGHT IN CHURCH.

Religious Riots Are on the Increase in Paris.

Paris (By Cable).—As a net result of one day's rioting, though the inventory was taken in but one church, that of St. Pierre du Gros Caillou, over 50 persons were seriously injured and a further list of 200 slightly hurt. The police reserves were called and finally managed to restore order in the Casino, after which they drove the crowd from from the street front and out of danger from explosion.

To Abolish State Dispensary.

Columbia, S. C. (Special)—The House of Representatives has passed the Mordecai-Gantt Bill by a vote of 63 to 47. This is considered to be the most significant legislation in this state for many years, and it is believed the Senate also will pass the measure. The bill provides for state dispensary and provides for state prohibition with local option and for the establishment of town dispensaries under county management

Murderer of Two Children.

West Chester, Pa., (Special).—Ricardo Forte, an Italian, was convicted of murder in the first degree here for the killing of Marie and Dominic Delacca, aged three and five years, in March. The children were murdered in an old stone barn at Stroudville, last March. The conviction was brought about by the confession of a fellow-prisoner.

Fatal Mine Explosion.

Bluefield, W. Va. (Special).—A report has just reached here of an explosion in what is called the Ball Knob Mine No. 8, one of the properties of the Red Jacket Coal and Coke Company, near Delorme, Mingo County. The body of one miner, who was killed, and three other miners, who were seriously injured, had been taken out of the shaft. A force of men was at work in the mine, at the time of the explosion, and it is feared that many other victims will be found when the work of rescue is begun.

Shot While Running Away.

Philadelphia (Special).—A man who gave his name as Joseph Scoy, of Pearl Ill., died in a hospital here from the effects of a bullet wound received while endeavoring to escape from a policeman. Say was detected robbing a grocery and ran. He was pursued by Policeman Keller, who fired two shots. The second bullet struck Say in the back and lodged in his kidneys. Although told that he was mortally wounded, Say refused to divulge his name until a short time before he died.

LIVE WASHINGTON AFFAIRS.

Treasury in Better Shape.

The monthly statement of the Government receipts and expenditures just issued shows a condition of the Treasury which is eminently satisfactory to the officials.

A year ago there was a deficit of more than $68,000,000, which has now been reduced to less than $3,400,000, with the prospect that this amount will be entirely wiped out within the next 30 days. It is pointed out that there is an available cash balance on hand, including deposits in national banks, of nearly $144,000,000, with the daily receipts more than equaling the expenditures.

During January the customs receipts alone amounted to $16,889,912, which is an excess over January, 1905, of more than $4,500,000 and since July 1 last the customs receipts have exceeded those for the corresponding period last year by more than $22,500,000. During the same period internal revenue receipts have increased by more than $9,000,000.

The expenditures last month were about $2,750,000 less than for January, 1905, principally on account of reduced interest payment.

U. S. Demands Moderated.

"We made a demand upon Venezuela, based upon the presentation of the asphalt company. The claims of the litigants are usually exaggerated. Venezuela said these claims were not just and refused to pay them. Then we sent a man down to investigate impassionately."

This in effect was the statement made by a high authority today upon the attitude of the United States toward Venezuela.

Added to it was the statement that the first demand upon that country by this had practically been withdrawn, and that a new and very much modified demand would be made based upon Judge Calhoun's report.

Favors the Whipping Post.

The House Committee on the District of Columbia has decided that in the matter of wife beating in the District the punishment should be made to fit the crime and that such beaters, on being convicted, should be subjected to punishment at the whipping post.

Mr. Adams, of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill for this purpose and has for years been a strong advocate of the proposition. President Roosevelt, in a message to the last Congress, recommended such a law for the District.

Gen. Bell Chief of Staff.

Announcement was made at the War Department of the selection by the President of Brig.-Gen. J. Franklin Bell, one of the youngest brigadier-generals in the army, to be Chief of Staff, to succeed Lieut.-Gen. John C. Bates when that officer goes upon the retired list on April 1 next.

The selection of General Bell for this important place in the military establishment of the country has been freely predicted for some time, and is generally commended by the army.

Shoot Him on Sight.

Washington, (Special).—Secretary Taft has received a cablegram from Governor Wright, of the Philippines, saying that Governor Forbes, of Bontoc province, has issued a proclamation declaring that Datto Ambagan, who has been leading a band of outlaws in that province, will be shot on sight.

Treasury Deficit Wiped Out.

Washington, (Special).—The Treasury deficit has been wiped out by the surplus of $4,000,000 turned into the Treasury from the sale of Panama bonds. The deficit has been a source of embarrassment to the Treasury officials for some time, and the receipt of the $4,000,000 from the sale of the bonds has relieved the situation.

Science Hall Burned.

Ga., (Special).—Science Hall, State Normal School, was destroyed by fire. The building was the institution of James M. Smith, George Peabody and the State, and was about $20,000. The fire was discovered and caught from a stove in the basement very early this morning. The State Normal School will open Monday morning as called for the regular term. Ample accommodations will be made for the students, the building being by the city limits.

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DEATH IN FIRE ON A TRANSPORT

Fears That Blaze Would Explode Ammunition.

PLOT TO DESTROY THE BIG SHIP.

Captain Wilson, of the Transport, Nearly Strangled to Death by Fumes—A San Francisco Fire Engine Captain and Officer of the Transport Killed and Other Firemen and Officers Injured.

San Francisco (Special).—Three men were killed and 58 injured, mostly by suffocation, in a fire that damaged the United States transport Meade to the extent of $2,000 as she lay at the Folsom Street pier.

For three hours after midnight the forward hold of the big troopship was a suffocating furnace, from which firemen were borne in an almost continuous stream. Relays of men promptly stepped forward to take the places of those who were carried out unconscious.

Tons of high explosives were loaded in the afterpart of the vessel, and the firemen worked with the possibility ever before them that the flames would reach this compartment.

Owing to the fact that an infernal machine was found in the bunkers of the transport Thomas on her last voyage, the rumor was circulated that a plot had been laid to fire the Meade at sea, as she was to have departed for Manila on Thursday. Major C. A. Devol, chief of the transport service, is investigating this theory with great care.

A thousand pieces of baggage were ruined. Trunks, boxes and barrels were waterlogged or burned. Wearing apparel and household furnishings were ruined. One officer places the damage to personal effects at $50,000. The vessel is not seriously injured.

The fact that the vessel was on fire was first discovered by a painter on the main deck. He rushed to Master-at-Arms Morris, who gave the alarm and aroused Sailingmaster Wilson.

Deeds of heroism marked the fire. Capt. George Wilson, of the Meade, fell down a hatchway and lay crippled and unconscious with an injured shoulder and nearly strangled from the fumes of burning lime.

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J. H. Dale, of the United States Transport Service, was overcome and injured while trying in vain to save Third Officer Wallace.

The transport of the ship, where the fire broke out, contained the personal effects of the officers of the Second Infantry and of the Eighth and Thirteenth Batteries of Light Artillery, and the loss of property was confined to this part of the vessel.

The fear of an explosion prevailed, but this did not deter the firemen, though they knew there was a large quantity of ammunition on board. The ammunition was stored in compartment No. 6, next to the last on the hold, while fire began in No. 2 compartment, well forward.

The flames, however, cut through No. 3 compartment and No. 4, and were eating their way to the hold, where the explosives were stored. The utmost energies of those in charge were directed toward flooding this compartment and cutting it off by a volume of water from the encroachment of the flames.

When it was seen that the flames were eating their way aft Captain Wilson, who was lying injured and unconscious in a berth in the cabin, was carried ashore and sent to the harbor hospital.

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Elizabethpol, Transcaucasia (By Cable)—A racial war has again broken out in the region between Elizabethpol and Shushin, where the Armenians and Tartars are massacreing each other. These horrors are added by the fact that the population of the region is starving, and that typhoid is raging. It is impossible to send food or medical assistance.

Steamer Silvia Struck a Mine.

Berlin (By Cable).—Herr Ballin, director of the Hamburg-American Line, announced that the German steamer Silvia, of that line, which left Venezuela on Monday with a large number of Russian troops, who were returning home, struck a mine and had to return in a sinking condition to Vladivostok, where she was run ashore in order to prevent her becoming a total loss. With the exception of the crook, no lives are mentioned as having been lost.

Starvation in Japan.

Tokio (By Cable).—At a meeting of the budget committee of the Diet Mr. Oishi, leader of the Progressive party, interpellated General Terauchi, minister of war, as to whether the government, as the result of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, intended to urge the British government to reform its army organization. The Minister replied that the government would do so at some future date. The Emperor has donated $25,000 for the relief of the famine sufferers. According to the latest returns nearly a million persons in Japan are on the verge of starvation.

Whale Followed Herring Inshore.

Passengers on the steamer Island Belle, which has the inland run between Boothbay Harbor and Bath, Me., were startled the other morning to see a small whale well up into the mouth of Sheepscott river. The whale doubtless took this little jaunt inland in pursuit of the succulent herring.

NEW YORK AS SEEN DAY BY DAY.

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

A. Gladstone Dowie, known as the unkissed son of Zion City's prophet, was almost kissed Friday. Dowie arrived from Jamaica in the steamer La Plata, having left his father in Port Antonio. Miss Elizabeth Saxon, a young woman passenger, who was said to be an actress, was dared to kiss Gladstone.

The young woman wagered a pair of blows with a girl friend on board that she would kiss the son of the famous Dowie before parting with him. She walked up to him, extended her hand and blushingly began to tell him how glad she was to have known him.

Seemingly with a presentiment of danger, the son of "Elijah" made a hasty step backward and blushed.

Miss Saxon saw that blush, paused momentarily to admire it, and decided that she didn't want those gloves so very much after all. So she contented herself with merely shaking the young man's hand and wishing him luck.

Gladstone was saved. Dowie later declared published reports that his father would give up the Zion leadership, saying his father had nearly recovered from the attack of paralysis and would return in April to resume his position at the head of Zion City. Overwork, more than anything else, was the cause of his father's illness, and the five weeks he has spent at Port Antonio have done wonders for him.

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Again representatives of the Celestial Empire have created a flutter of excitement in the metropolis—this time out of apprehension. "In our midst" are Tai Hung Chi, his viceroy, Tuan Fang; a suite of 50 lesser Chinese lights and 400 trunks. Tai and his followers are here to study American institutions, and one of the most interesting of these will be the parcel and household furnishings now in ruined. One officer places the damage to personal effects at $50,000. The vessel is not seriously injured.

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